

Claim Amendments:

1. – 84. (Canceled).

85. (Currently Amended) A home media system comprising:

network;

acquisition storage set-top box, coupled to said network, for storing a plurality of

different types of ~~digital data content objects comprising~~ executable files,

the executable files comprising video, audio, and image files ~~containing~~

media;

control/playback set-top box, coupled to said network, comprising a media

playback module and a media control module, said media control module

for accessing, across said network, at least one ~~digital data content object~~

executable file from said acquisition storage set-top box, and for running

at least one of a plurality of media applications that provide functionality,

through a user interface, to play media, said plurality of media

applications comprising a video application for playing video ~~files~~ media,

an audio application for playing audio ~~files~~ media, and a photo application

for viewing image ~~files~~ media, said media playback module for executing

said ~~digital data content object~~ executable file; and

plurality of client devices, coupled to said control/playback set-top box, the

plurality of client devices comprising a display client device for displaying

said user interface for said media application and for displaying video or

image media ~~comprised in said video or image files~~ and an audio client

device for playing audio media ~~comprised in said audio files~~.

86. (Currently Amended) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said acquisition storage set-top box further for acquiring said ~~digital data content~~ object executable file external to said network.

87. (Canceled)

88. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said control/playback set-top box comprises a personal computer system.

89. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said playback module of said control/playback set-top box comprises a frame buffer.

90. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, further comprising a personal digital assistant ("PDA") for receiving user input to control said control/playback set-top box.

91. (Currently Amended) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, further comprising a personal computer for organizing a said plurality of ~~digital data content objects~~ executable files stored on said acquisition storage set-top box.

92. (Canceled)

93. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, further comprising:

digital device for accessing digital data stored on a digital medium; and
device interface, coupled to said digital device, for decoding said digital data and for transmitting said digital data on said network.

94. – 114. (Canceled).

115. (Currently Amended) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said audio client device is configured to only play audio media ~~in audio files~~ and not being configured to display video or image media ~~in video or image files~~.

116. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 115, wherein said audio client device comprises a stereo system.

117. (New) A home media system comprising:

home network;

coupled to said home network, a storage set-top box configured for storing a plurality of different types of media objects comprising video, audio, and image objects comprising media;

coupled to said home network, a control/playback set-top box configured for:

providing a plurality of media applications comprising a video

application for video objects, an audio application for audio objects, and a photo application for image objects;

receiving a first request from a first user for a first media object, retrieving, across said home network, said first media object from said storage set-top box, running a first media application suitable for said type of said first media object, and playing first media in said first media object; and

receiving a second request from a second user for a second media object, retrieving, across said home network, said second media object from said storage set-top box, running a second media application suitable for said type of said second media object, and playing second media in said second media object, wherein said first and second media applications are run simultaneously and said first and second media are played simultaneously; and

coupled to said control/playback set-top box, a plurality of client devices comprising a first client device for presenting first media in said first media object to said first user and a second client device for presenting second media in said second media object to said second user, wherein said first and second media are presented simultaneously.

118. (New) The home media system of claim 117, wherein said plurality of client devices comprises a display client device for presenting video or image media in said video or image objects and an audio client device for presenting audio media in said

audio objects.

119. (New) The home media system of claim 118, wherein:

said first media comprises video or image media presented on said display client device; and

said second media comprises audio media presented on said audio client device.

120. (New) A home media system comprising:

home network;

coupled to said home network, a plurality of media devices containing a plurality of different types of media objects comprising media, said plurality of media devices comprising a video device containing video objects, an audio device containing audio objects, and an image device containing image objects;

coupled to said home network, a storage set-top box configured for:

acquiring a plurality of different types of media objects comprising video, audio, and image objects from the plurality of media devices;

storing the plurality of different types of media objects; and

organizing the plurality of different types of media objects based on the type of media object; and

coupled to said home network, a control/playback set-top box configured for:

retrieving, across said home network, media objects from said storage set-top box; and

playing said media in said retrieved media objects; and
coupled to said control/playback set-top box, a plurality of client devices for
presenting said media in said media objects.

121. (New) The home media system of claim 120, wherein:

said video device comprises a video disc recorder or a digital video disc player;

said audio device comprises a compact disc player; or

said image device comprises a digital camera.

122. (New) The home media system of claim 120, wherein at least one media
device comprises:

digital device for accessing a media object stored on a digital medium; and

device interface, coupled to said digital device, for decoding said media object
and for transmitting said media object on said home network.

123. (New) The home media system of claim 120, wherein said storage set-top
box is further configured for acquiring a plurality of different types of media objects
comprising video, audio, and image objects from a content server that is external to said
home network.

124. (New) The home media system of claim 123, wherein said storage set-
top box is configured for acquiring said plurality of different types of media objects from
said content server by periodically acquiring said plurality of different types of media

objects from said content server based on a user profile.

125. (New) The home media system of claim 120, wherein said storage set-top box is further configured for acquiring a plurality of different types of media objects comprising video, audio, and image objects from media devices of an external home network.

126. (New) The home media system of claim 120, wherein said storage set-top box is further configured for:

discovering and identifying said video device when said video device is powered up;

discovering and identifying said audio device when said audio device is powered up; and

discovering and identifying said image device when said image device is powered up.

127. (New) The home media system of claim 120, wherein said control/playback set-top box is further configured for:

providing a plurality of media applications comprising a video application for video objects, an audio application for audio objects, and a photo application for image objects.

128. (New) The home media system of claim 120, wherein said plurality of

client devices comprises a video client device for presenting video and image media in said video and image objects and an audio client device for presenting audio media in said audio media objects.

129. (New) The home media system of claim 120, wherein said control/playback set-top box is further configured for receiving, from a remote control, a user request for a particular media object and for extracting a unique identification of the remote control from the user request, said unique identification being used to restrict access to the particular media object.

130. (New) The home media system of claim 120, wherein said control/playback set-top box comprises a personal computer system.

131. (New) The home media system of claim 120, wherein said control/playback set-top box comprises a personal digital assistant (PDA).